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For: **COLOR FILTER PLATE AND THIN FILM TRANSISTOR PLATE FOR LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY, AND METHODS FOR FABRICATING THE PLATES**

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In reply to the March 29, 2004 Restriction Requirement, Applicants provisionally elects Species B, Figure 4, Claims 6 and 7, drawn to a method of manufacturing a liquid crystal display wherein the method may comprise patterning the color filter material by using a mask having a transparent pattern, a semi-transparent pattern, and an opaque pattern, and wherein the semi-transparent pattern is used for forming the peripheral portion of each color filter, with traverse.

It is also respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one Group of claims would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP § 803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it


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includes claims to independent or distinct inventions.” It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Thus, withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

It is not believed that any further extensions of time or fees are required. If extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 23-1951. .

Respectfully submitted,



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